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28. Aug. J. H. 16

The copy of a letter
sent from the Kings Army
to a Gentleman of worth and
qualitie in **SUFFOLK:**

Shewing the present condition of the
Kings Army, intercepted *August 28.*
by the Scouts at *Cambridge*, and
by them brought to
the *Committee.*



The copy of a letter
sent from the Kings Army
to a Gentleman of worth and
position in Suffolk

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showing the present condition of the
Kings Army, recruited with 23.
by one George a soldier, and
by them brought to
the Committee.

To the Right worshipfull S^r HENRY
CROFTS, at his house in little
Saxon in Suffolk.

SIR,



His is the first opportunicie (since I went out at the beginning of May, to wait on my Master) that I could find to convey any Letters to your hands, by which I can now acquaint you with nothing that is likely to afford you any content or satisfaction, but onely this; That my self, with some other of your friends here amongst us, are in good health; and that indeed is a greater blessing then we deserve; and God make us sensible of his mercie that affords us it to sweeten all our other calamities, which it hath lately pleased him to poure upon us in a very plentifull measure: his will be done, and hallowed be his name, and yet how great soever our sufferings & afflictions have lately been, they are like to prove but the beginning of sorrows, and prologue to that full Scene of miserie, which in probabilitie we shall shortly act: The King being in no condition to

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keep the field, he dares not rest in any Garrison
for fear of being besieged; we have no strength
at all of our own; and there is so much profane-
nesse and irreligion, so much violence and op-
pression amongst us; that I know not how to
expect any assistance from above, that God can
blesse the proceedings of so wicked an Armie,
whose sinnes increase with our punishments.
We are here now at *Wooburn* within 26. miles of
Oxford; and the Enemy at *Northampton*, with a
greater power to get between us and home. We
march long and tedious marches to prevent it;
yesterday from *Huntington*, and set not out till
eleven a clock. The King is in such a condition
that he knows not which way to turn himselfe:
God Almighty may please to manifest and ma-
gnifie his power and goodnesse in our weaknesse
and sinfulness; for I have learned from him
that our extremitie is his opportunitie: and truly
upon that prop I rest my self, resolved to run the
same fortune to the uttermost that it shall please
God to send my Master. My attendance on him
at this instant calls upon me to break off abrupt-
ly, and tell you that I am and ever shall continue

Your most obedient and dutifull Sonne

JOHN CROFTS.

